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Dear Glenn:

Thank you for your letter of February 26th. I am delighted to learn through this letter of Mr. A. Petrosyants' invitation to you to visit the Soviet Union, and your decision to accept this invitation. Such a visit would, in my opinion, be very constructive. You will find it informative and interesting, as I did in 1959, and it will result in a closer and more cooperative understanding between the Atomic Energy authorities in this country and in the USSR.

Also, Glenn, I am sure that your trip will be much more productive than mine because your very great scientific background will permit you to engage in technical discussions quite beyond my depth.

At your early convenience I would like to lunch with you and discuss various details of the trip, not the least of which will be to advise you that Russia is a pretty big place and therefore you will have to plan on a little more time than one might think or suffer the consequences of complete exhaustion at the end of the journey. Incidentally, I have recently discussed with the President and McGeorge Bundy the possibility of your making such a trip, and have strongly supported the idea.

Finally, the execution of the extension of the Memorandum of Cooperation is a good idea and I feel it would be most appropriate to have it executed in the Soviet Union since the original one was executed here by Professor Emelyanov and myself. This was during the days that the "Spirit of Camp David" prevailed.

With warm regards,

signed "John"

The Honorable Glenn T. Seaborg
Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

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UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

February 26, 1963

Dear John,

You may recall that you telephoned me last December 20th concerning Mr. Kuznetsov's invitation to me to visit Moscow. At the time you thought this might be a good thing to do and suggested that it be mentioned to the President.

Yesterday, I received the enclosed communication from Mr. A. Petrosyants, Chairman of the State Committee of the Council of Ministers of the USSR for the Utilization of Atomic Energy, inviting me to visit the Soviet Union and informing me that during my visit the Soviets would be prepared to sign a new Memorandum on Cooperation in the Field of the Utilization of Atomic Energy for Peaceful Purposes. Mr. Petrosyants has noted that the first Memorandum agreement was signed by you and Professor Emelyanov in Washington in 1959 and has suggested that it would be appropriate to sign the new agreement in Moscow.

I believe that in addition to the advantages of extending the arrangements for exchanges in the peaceful uses, the earlier agreement has provided an important line of informal communication with the Soviets that should be kept open. Moreover, a visit to the Soviet Union in connection with the signing of a new agreement would enable me to engage in direct discussions with Soviet scientists, many of whom I know personally, and thus obtain a firsthand impression of the state of advancement of Soviet science, especially in the peaceful uses of atomic energy. This might permit other useful extrapolations.

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I am planning to accept Mr. Petrosyants' invitation but will propose May or June instead of March or April as he seems to prefer.

Cordially,



Glenn T. Seaborg

Honorable John A. McCone
Director
Central Intelligence Agency

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STATE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS OF THE U.S.S.R. FOR THE
UTILIZATION OF ATOMIC ENERGY

Moscow

February 19, 1963

Dear Mr. Seaborg:

I have received your letter dated February 7 in which you expressed wish on meeting of the representatives of our Committee with Mr. Algie A. Wells and Mr. Melvin Abrahams on problems concerning the arrangements for cooperation in the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

This meeting was held on February 19 and I have the pleasure to note that there is no difference of principle concerning the essence of the problems contained in the draft of Memorandum prepared taking into consideration proposals stated in your letter dated February 7, 1963.

I agree with you that this document could be signed this Spring.

Thank you for your kind invitation to visit the U.S.A. and to visit some research facilities and institutions.

As it is known, during the signing of the previous Memorandum in 1959 our scientists were in the U.S.A. and had been received with hospitality by the U.S.A. Atomic Energy Commission.

In this connection I have the chance with great pleasure to invite you and your colleagues to visit the U.S.S.R. at your convenience and to see our research institutions.

During your visit signing of the Memorandum on the cooperation in the field of the peaceful utilization of atomic energy also could be made.

Sincerely,

A. Petrosyants

Mr. Glenn Seaborg

Chairman

United States Atomic
Energy Commission